

SIMPLEST THING YET---WORLD POSTAL CARDS.

EXTRA.
IN WIGWAM.The Democratic Na-
tional Convention's
First Session.Called to Order at 12.44
P. M., Adjourned
at 1.58.Delegates Enthused by
Temporary Chairman
Owens's Speech.Resolutions of Sympathy with
James G. Blaine Adopted
by AcclamationRain Came Through the Wigwam
Roof During an Untimely
Thunderstorm.Cleveland Believed to Be Certain
of Nomination on the First
Ballot in ConventionEx-Gov. Gray, of Indiana, Stated
for Second Place--Senator
Hill's Name Not to Be
Withdrawn.SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD, BY DIRECT
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CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO, JUNE 21.—

Half an hour before the time set for calling the delegates to the National Convention to order the big Wigwam on the lake front presented a scene of life and animation. The galleries of the vast arena filled up rapidly, amid a confused buzz of conversation and the tramping of many feet. In the crowds which blocked every entrance on Michigan avenue pressing forward to find their seats.

The crowd made no demonstration whatever until the Iowa delegation arrived, about 11.45. When the blue silk banner of the Davenport Boies Club was borne down the central aisle, there was a shout, and for several moments there was general applause. When the delegates took their seats near the right of the speakers' desk.

The New York delegation has seats in the middle aisle about the center of the floor. Tammany shouters, who had procured tickets and were plentifully scattered among the spectators at the back of the hall, were the first to catch sight of the leaders as they entered the arena at the head of the "snap" delegation. It was a signal for an outburst of handclapping and cheering, and those at the sides began craning their necks to get a glimpse of the braves.

At the head of the line were Gov. Flower, Lieut.-Gov. Sheehan, Richard Croker, Bourke Cockran, Mayor Grant, Edward Murphy, Col. Fellows and the Lancy Nicoll.

The Anti-Snappers, who were admitted only on spectators' tickets, came in along with the crowds and watched the sights from the galleries.

At noon nearly all the delegates had arrived and had taken their seats. The aisles on the main floor, however, were packed with excited groups, who discussed the situation and the prospects of the session.

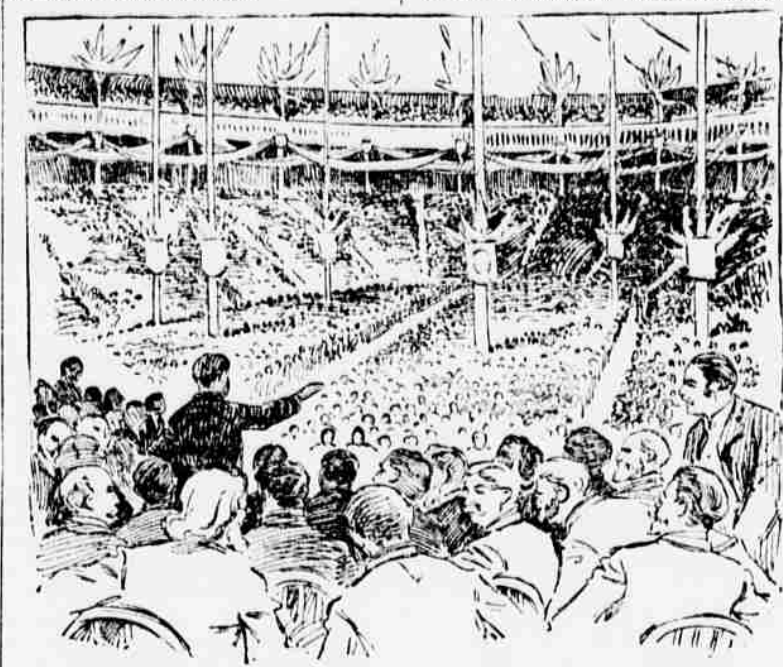
While every one was waiting for the arrival of Chairman Brice, who was to open the proceedings, the big Wigwam was given an opportunity to test its weather qualities.

A thunderstorm broke.

A few minutes after 12 o'clock it suddenly began to grow dark and the rumbling of thunder was heard. For a few minutes it was so dark that those who were writing could scarcely see the words on the paper

before them and many began to call out for lights.

Then there was a flash of lightning, a sudden crash of thunder and the rain came down in torrents. Those who were directly under the open skylights began to feel the rain drops and soon umbrellas were raised all over the immense auditorium, for the rain-water seemed to find many weak places in the hastily constructed roof.



INTERIOR OF THE WIGWAM AT THE OPENING OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The attendants were hastily despatched to the roof and drew down the canvas curtains over the open spaces and this shut out some of the water and saved a good many of the delegates from a thorough drenching.

The storm lasted only ten minutes, when the patter of the raindrops on the roof stopped and the sun came out. The heat in the wigwam was intense and the fluttering of innumerable fans over the entire auditorium kept the scene in constant movement.

As soon as the rain ceased the curtains in the skylights were raised again, but very little of the breeze outside reached the thousands packed in on the floor and galleries below.

Chairman Calvin S. Brice was first seen on the speakers' platform about 12.30. He seemed to have a great deal of business to attend to, and was immediately surrounded by a group of delegates, committeemen and secretaries. He seemed to be in no hurry to set the ball rolling and paid no attention to the applause of the galleries which greeted his appearance.

In the intervals the band stationed in the gallery behind the platform started in playing popular airs, which the crowd recognized and applauded vigorously. When the Maryland delegation, headed by Senator Gorman, came into the Wigwam the band played "Maryland, My Maryland," and everybody recognized the melody and the distinguished Senator in whose honor it was played at the same time.

There was loud cheering when ex-Gov. Campbell came in at the front of the delegates from Ohio, and he recognized the compliment by bowing to the galleries. Many of the delegates stood up and waved their hats in welcome to him.

Don M. Dickinson, who headed the Michigan delegation, received an ovation, and Senator Voorhees, of Indiana; Henry Waterson, of Kentucky, and other prominent men in the various delegations were recognized and cheered by the galleries.

Convention Called to Order.

It was 12.45 before Chairman Brice appeared for order and announced that the exercises of the session would be opened with prayer by Rev. John C. Rouse, of Chicago. One of the delegates stood during the prayer, but most of them remained seated. The first real enthusiasm was manifested when Secretary Sheelin read off the names of the temporary officers, selected by the National Committee, beginning with ex-Congressman William C. Owens, of Kentucky, for temporary chairman.

The list was ratified by acclamation, and the assemblage gave Mr. Owens a cordial reception when he mounted the platform with his escort and was introduced by Chairman Brice, and the cheering continued for several moments. In his speech Mr. Owens dwelt upon the necessity for harmony, and cool and deliberate judgment in the councils of the party, and declared that if these prevailed the people of the country would gain a great victory at the polls next November. When he asserted that the coming campaign would be one of education, he was loudly applauded, and his remarks were frequently interrupted by cheering. His closing defiance, hurled at the Republican party, sent the audience into a transport of enthusiasm.

Mr. Owens's Speech.

Chairman Owens spoke as follows:

"Two great dangers menace the Democratic party. One is external, the other internal. The first is the organized machinery of organized capital, supported by the whole power of the Government; the second is the tendency among Democrats to make issues among themselves. Two needs therefore stand before us indispensable to success—unity and harmony. Of the one this chair and gavel stand representative; it remains for you to supply the other."

"In this spirit, I greet you, fellow-Democrats, as the advance guard of a grand army

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the platform and went down among the delegates, where he engaged in consultation with many of the leading men of the Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and other delegations.

Sympathy for Mr. Blaine.

A resolution of sympathy for James G. Blaine in his recent affliction was offered by an Illinois delegate, and upon the mention of the Republican state man's name the galleries set up a shouting which lasted several minutes. The resolution was adopted unanimously, after which there was another cheer and Mr. McGillicuddy, of Maine, rose and eulogized the Republican leader.

After accepting the invitation of the Director of the World's Fair to visit the grounds of the Exposition this afternoon, the Convention adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Congressman William L. Wilson, of West Virginia, has been selected as permanent chairman by the Committee on Permanent Organization.

THE STORY BY BULLETINS.

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CHICAGO, June 21, 12 M.—Only about half the delegates are in their seats.

Prayer at the opening will be offered by Rev. Dr. Rouse, of Chicago.

12.10 P. M.—Mayor Grant, Richard Croker, Lieut.-Gov. Sheehan, Delancey Nicoll and most of the New York delegation are in their seats.

12.15 P. M.—The Convention Hall is about half filled. Chairman Brice is in his seat.

Suddenly it grows very dark, and then the rain begins to fall heavily. There is lightning, and some of the water drops on the crowd and the band begins to play.

12.23 P. M.—The sun breaks out, the rain stops and there is a cheer. There is much confusion in the hall.

12.30 P. M.—There are many empty seats in the gallery, but the floor is well filled. Gov. Flower has joined the New York delegation.

12.35 P. M.—Chairman Brice is flying about the platform arranging the programme for the opening. There is still much confusion on the floor.

12.40 P. M.—The Michigan delegation is greeted with cheers as it arrives.

There is a loud burst of applause for Don Dickinson.

12.45 P. M.—The band starts up again. Many delegates stand in the aisles discussing the situation.

12.50 P. M.—Gov. Campbell enters the hall, and is cheered vigorously.

Prominent in the Ohio delegation is Congressman Tom L. Johnson, the single-tax Congressman and supporter of Cleveland.

12.55 P. M.—Chairman Brice rises for order. He introduces Rev. John Rouse, who opens the proceedings with prayer.

1.00 P. M.—The preachers invocation is concluded with a recital of the Lord's Prayer.

1.05 P. M.—Chairman Brice says: "The Secretary will read the names of the temporary officers."

For temporary Chairman ex-Congressman William C. Owens, of Kentucky, is named.

The temporary officers are elected unanimously. A Committee is appointed to escort Mr. Owens to the chair.

There are loud cheers as Mr. Brice introduces the gavel and Mr. Owens takes the platform.

1.05 P. M.—Chairman Owens begins by saying: "Two great dangers face the Democratic party. One is external and the other is internal. The first is the organized capital of the country, as represented by the Government, and the second is the fondness of the Democrats to raise issues among themselves."

1.10 P. M.—Mr. Owens is still speaking.

As Mr. Owens proceeds he grows eloquent, and makes reference to the defeat of Blaine, and the nomination of Harrison at Minneapolis by the "Broad and Butter Brigade."

1.15 P. M.—Mr. White (Cal) offers a resolution, and Gen. Bragg, of Wisconsin, moves an amendment. The amendment calls for each State to name its members for the Committee on Credentials, Resolutions and Organization.

1.20 P. M.—There is much confusion, and several resolutions introduced, none of them important.

1.25 P. M.—The Secretary calls the roll of States for their committee men.

1.30 P. M.—The roll call is proceeding slowly amid much confusion among the delegates.

1.35 P. M.—The roll call has only reached Georgia.

New York names these Committee men—Resolutions, H. P. Flower; Credentials, W. Bourke Cockran; Permanent Organization, William C. De Witt.

1.40 P. M.—The roll-call has reached South Carolina.

1.45 P. M.—There is applause for Senator Vilas and Gen. Bragg as they are named for committee men by Wisconsin.

1.50 P. M.—It was announced that the committee men will meet in this building immediately after adjournment.

1.55 P. M.—Ex-Gov. English, of Indiana, offers a resolution admitting all ex-union soldiers to the unoccupied seats in the galleries.

1.58 P. M.—A wonderful scene occurs. A delegate from Illinois introduces a resolution expressing sympathy with James G. Blaine in the loss of his son. The name of

Blaine is wildly cheered and the resolution is carried with a yell.

1.54 P. M.—Delegate E. C. Swett, of Maine, again brings up the Blaine sympathy matter and speaks for the State of Maine, thanking the Convention for its expression of feeling for Maine's famous son.

1.56 P. M.—A communication is read, inviting the delegation to visit the World's Fair grounds.

1.58 P. M.—The Convention adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

TAMMANY CONFESSES DEFEAT.

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CHICAGO, June 21.—Tammany has thrown up the sponge at last, and it is reported that the statement has come from authoritative sources that no further opposition to Cleveland's nomination will be offered by the Tammany delegates.

They will present Hill's name to the Convention as a matter of course, but there will be no further effort made to organize a combination against Cleveland.

The feeling of some of the New York delegates is very bitter against the Cleveland leaders, and especially against those delegates whom they relied on originally for their support of Hill's candidacy. The "cowardice" of the latter in going over to the Cleveland side is denounced.

It is said that an indignation meeting of a portion of the delegation will be held at which resolutions will be offered proposing that the New York delegation shall leave the Convention when the State is reached in its order in the roll-call.

It is said now that Hill's name will be presented by Col. Fellows.

A large number of the conservative members of the New York delegation are opposed to any violent or sensational action in the Convention. This afternoon's meeting promises to be a lively one.

Mr. Croker was seen for a moment this morning by THE EVENING WORLD reporter. "I have nothing to say regarding the situation," he said, "and must decline to be interviewed. I know of no letter written by Senator Hill withdrawing his name."

Commissioner Gilroy is said to have exchanged some hot words with Chairman Murphy over the situation. Mr. Gilroy and Mr. Croker, having become convinced that no power could prevent the nomination of Mr. Cleveland, favored the seconding of his name by a New York delegate, and thus paying the way for a nomination by acclamation.

This was opposed bitterly by Mr. Murphy, who issued the instructions given by the State Convention.

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Did you say nomination, gentlemen?

P. Gray, of Indiana, will be the nominee for the Vice-Presidency. He will be presented for that place by his own State delegation, and it is understood that the consent of the Gray men to the withdrawal of their Presidential candidate and the casting of the solid vote of Indiana for Cleveland, was only given on the assurance that the Cleveland leaders would favor ex-Gov. Gray for Vice-President.

As the Cleveland organization is very thorough and well disciplined, there is little doubt that any compact of the leaders will be carried out to the letter in the Convention.

So secure are the Cleveland people in their position that they have decided to make no fight against the selection of W. C. Owens, of Kentucky, as temporary chairman. Mr. Owens has been identified with the anti-Cleveland people, and indeed is a candidate of that faction for the temporary chairmanship, and until late last night the Cleveland people were fully resolved to oppose his selection by putting up an avowed Cleveland man as their candidate. When the later advice came in, however, showing that there were no longer a reasonable doubt of the ex-President's nomination on the first ballot, the Cleveland managers concluded that they could afford to be magnanimous and that no fight should be made against Owens.

The Tammany leaders of New York are still wily and defiant and maintain with much persistence that if Cleveland is to be nominated the New York delegation will enter its protest against his nomination by casting its 72 votes for David B. Hill, refusing to join in the usual formality of making the nomination of the ex-President unanimous.

This assertion, however, is made by the rank and file rather than by the leaders of the Hill forces, and it is still hoped by the Cleveland people that when the decisive moment arrives the New York delegation will gracefully join in making the nomination of Cleveland unanimous.

An estimate by those who appear to be competent judges, fixes the time for the close of the great gathering at Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. At all events, the Convention should be an extremely brief one. The contested seats are few, and it is not likely that there will be much delay in the Committee on Credentials or platform.

The Tammany people died hard. At midnight, after a caucus lasting several hours, the Hill men found it was no use fighting longer, for from the East, North and South there was a clamor for the ex-President which no manipulation could subvert or circumvent.

Although beaten they will go down with the Hill colors nailed to the mast in harmony with the declaration of their chief sent out from Washington this morning.

WIGWAM DECORATIONS.

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CHICAGO, June 21.—The day opened hot and sultry, and during the early hours of the morning the blazing sun heated up the elbow, sukey streets of the city pretty nearly to the boiling point. Predictions were made that it would be the hottest and most uncomfortable day on record, but later on the skies opened over, and now (10.30 A. M.) it looks like rain before noon.

Preparations for the opening of the Convention Wigwam to the public at 11 o'clock are about completed, although there is a large force of workmen still engaged in putting on the finishing touches to the decorations. The building was formally turned over to the National Committee late last evening. There was no ceremony or speech-making. Chairman Brice accepted the work of the local authorities in behalf of the National Committee, and thanked them for the zeal which they had shown.

Though ugly enough from the outside, the Wigwam is a bower of beauty within. Its bare timbers are almost completely hidden beneath festoons and coverings of bays and

bright colored bunting, masses of hot-house plants and myriads of palms and flowering shrubs.

The chairman's platform is like a power set in a frame of sikaia flags, and the desk is almost buried in a profusion of lilies and green leaves. The desk is a historical relic of the Convention of 1884, and on the front is traced the inscription:

CLEVELAND AND HENDRICKS
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